

Wayne County's Third Circuit Court Moves to New One-Step Jury Duty Notification

DETROIT—September 26, 2013—The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan, with jurisdiction over criminal, civil and family matters in Wayne County, is changing its prospective juror notification from a two-step to a one-step process this month. The new combination questionnaire and summons will save time for jurors and money for taxpayers while making juries in Wayne County more efficient and reflective of the county's diversity.

The new One-Step Form will include:

- a questionnaire that must be completed either online at www.3rdcc.org or using the traditional return mail process, and
- a summons to appear on a specific date.

Because the One-Step Form represents in one document both the Court's official jury questionnaire and an order of the Court to appear on a specific day for jury duty, **the juror receiving the One-Step Form must both answer the questionnaire and appear on the scheduled day.** Jurors who fail to answer the questionnaire or appear on the scheduled day are subject to penalties including fines or even imprisonment.

"Our most important piece of advice for Wayne County residents who receive the new one-step jury duty form is not to throw it out in the trash like they may have done with the old questionnaire," said Ronald R. Ruffin, Executive Court Administrator, Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan. "A summons is an order from the Chief Judge to appear for jury service, and throwing it out could mean a court hearing, a fine and even jail."

The Third Circuit of Wayne County will switch over to the new One-Step Form in late September and will use the new system for all juror summonses from that point forward.

For more information visit www.3rdcc.org.